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REPLY BRIEF

Dear Sir:

Appellants note with appreciation that the rejections of the claims under 35 USC Section 112 have been withdrawn.

The remaining grounds for rejecting the claims remain the rejection under 35 USC Section 103 as obvious in view of the RSSL disclosure.

Appellants respectfully submit that the claimed invention provides a panelist with the ability to manipulate the relative strength of the recited parameters to provide a simultaneous visual interpretation on a screen. Further dependent claims recite that the visual interpretation is a pie chart or a single bar chart. The claims further recite that the computations are performed without the intervention of the party sponsoring the testing. RSSL discloses multiple screens with computations performed by the sponsor. Appellants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not suggested by the RSSL disclosure.

Appellants respectfully request reversal of the rejections of the pending claims for the reasons set forth in Appellants Appeal Brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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